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Statement of San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn on the [Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook](#) presented to the City Council:

“San Diego is over \$1.2 billion short of what it needs to fix the storm drain system. That tells us how badly our infrastructure is crumbling, and we pay the consequences every year.

For a city that gets little rain, we have an exorbitant amount of flooding. In my district with San Diego’s historic neighborhoods, I’ve seen cars floating in the street because the storm drains couldn’t keep up with the rain.

Flooding forces the City to make emergency repairs. To pay for those sudden expenses, the City has to take money from parks and library projects and sidewalk repairs. By failing to fix the stormwater system, what’s going down the drain is our money. I’m glad the City is studying ways to fund these long-needed repairs.”

Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn represents San Diego’s Third Council District, including the communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.

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